

# CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SUMMARY

(March 2008)

Rulemaking is underway now, with new, higher contribution limits likely to take effect in April 2008. (13-37-216, MCA )

The guide that follows is only a summary – for complete requirements, see Title 13, Chapters 35 and 37, MCA.

Candidate:	To Own Campaign	No Limit
Individual:	To a Political Party Committee.	No Limit
(Human Being)	To a Political Action Committee	No Limit
	To a Ballot Issue Committee	No Limit
	To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor	\$500 per election
	To a Candidate for Other Statewide Office*	\$250 per election
	To a candidate for Other Public Office**	\$130 per election
Political Committee:	To a Political Party Committee	No Limit
	To a Political Action Committee	No Limit
	To a Ballot Issue Committee	No Limit
Political Action Committee:	To candidates for Governor/Lt. Gov.	\$500 per election
(PAC)	To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*	\$250 per election
	To a candidate for Other Public Office**	\$130 per election
<i>Aggregate Limits for legislative Candidates for the 2006 elections:</i>		
	To a candidate for State Senate	\$2,450
	To a candidate for State House	\$1,500
Political Party Committee:	To candidates for Governor/Lt. Gov	\$18,000 per election
<i>Aggregate Limits</i>	To a candidate for Other Statewide office*	\$ 6,500 per election
<i>from ALL political</i>	To a candidate for Public Service Comm.	\$ 2,600 per election
<i>party committees</i>	To a candidate for State Senate	\$ 1,050 per election
	To a candidate for Other Public Office**	\$ 650 per election
	(Excluding PSC and State Senate)	
<i>Please Note: Political Party Committees may not contribute to candidates for judicial offices, i.e. Supreme Court Justice, District Judge, Justice of the Peace.</i>		
Corporation:	<u>MAY contribute ONLY to a Ballot Issue Committee</u>	
	<u>MAY NOT contribute</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To a candidate</li> <li>○ To a political party committee</li> <li>○ To a committee that supports or opposes a candidate (PAC)</li> </ul>	
	(Unless meeting criteria Supreme Court established in MRTL to regulate independent expenditures)	

\* Examples of “Other Statewide Office”

Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Clerk of the Supreme Court

\*\* Examples of “Other Public Office”

State District: Public Service Commissioner, State Senate, State House, and District Judge

County: All County Elected Officials

City: All City elected officials

School: All School District Trustees

March 3, 2008